



Corn Sustainability Assurance Protocol (CSAP)



A New Tool

CSAP offers international corn buyers and export markets insights into the sustainability of U.S. corn production practices and regulations.



Farmer-Driven

CSAP was initiated within a farmer-led working group inside the U.S. Grains & BioProducts Council (USGBC) to let the world know about the sustainability of U.S. corn production practices.



Export-Focused

CSAP helps corn exporters address disclosure requirements and sustainability procurement guidelines in international markets for stakeholders that may not be familiar with the regulatory framework or production practices of U.S. corn.



Continuously Evolving

CSAP compiles the best practices and regulations that U.S. corn producers adhere to, reflecting a baseline of sustainable production practices. It can evolve as farmers continue to adopt and leverage new technologies and tools for production.

New Sustainability Tools for U.S. Corn

Sustainability and Corn Trade

There's growing demand from international companies and consumers for sustainable procurement in supply chains.

Some governments are developing regulations with sustainability as a market access criteria.

U.S. corn production sustainability metrics show continuous improvement in land, water and energy use.

USGBC members identified the need to develop adequate tools to engage internationally on the sustainability of U.S. corn production practices.

Corn Sustainability Assurance Protocol (CSAP)

CSAP compiles and describes the regulations, processes and best practices that ensure sustainable corn production.

It offers insights into U.S. corn production sustainability practices and outlines U.S. laws and regulations that provide assurances of compliance.

CSAP describes key impact categories, outlines continuous improvement goals and compiles agricultural best practices and regulations associated with U.S. corn production.

It defines how the volume of sustainable U.S. corn to be used in the Sustainable Corn Exports (SCE) web platform is to be determined.

Sustainable Corn Exports (SCE) Web Platform

SCE allows corn exporters and importers to issue shipment-specific records of sustainability that can be passed along the supply chain.

U.S. corn farmers do not have to take any action to have their corn considered for use under the CSAP and the SCE platform, thanks to the use of the mass-balance sourcing approach.

The volume of sustainable U.S. corn is tied to the number of corn acres participating in Farm Service Agency programs. The latter defines the minimum verification threshold established by the CSAP.

There is no cost to producers, exporters, importers or supply chain stakeholders to use the SCE platform.